

FREMONT BOARD OF SELECTMEN**05 JANUARY 2006****APPROVED 01/12/2006**

The meeting came to order at 6:10 pm. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Donald Gates Jr, and Peter Bolduc; and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen further discussed the fire / rescue study committee, and the issues surrounding a potential combination of the departments. Selectmen feel that it would be better to wait at least a year to do this, given the current leadership and other circumstances that exist. Selectmen are committed to making it work if it is in the best interest of the Town. There is not a financial benefit at this time, and the Board feels the issue does ultimately need to be decided by the taxpayers.

Chief Janvrin came into the meeting at 6:20 pm and joined this discussion. Selectmen said that they were not in any way discrediting the study in any way. Janvrin added that he personally believes there need to be some strengthening of the command structure in the departments, and work toward making it what it needs to be for the future.

This led to discussion about the Towns safety services and working relationships, as well as the Town's state of preparedness for emergencies. It was suggested that all of the safety services get together for meetings to begin to look at some of these things, as well as to maintain good working relationships and look at the overall functions of the departments.

At 6:30 pm motion was made by Bolduc to enter non-public session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A II 3 (c) to discuss a personnel matter. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

With no decisions made, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to return to public session at 6:35 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Janvrin said he had two more complaints today from Randy Grasso regarding day and night speed on Beede Hill Road. There is a session tentatively scheduled with the Grasso's, Janvrin, the Selectmen, and Thom Roy, on January 26th.

2. In follow-up to the meeting last week, Carlson had talked with Lori Holmes on Friday about the Town Clerk's budget submission. Carlson reported back that Holmes would be more comfortable with the Board recommending the salary requested, and no benefit package at this time. She said she was committed to working over the next year to do some research into the elected full-time positions in similar towns (some of this research she has presented). Selectmen took no further action on the recommendation already made.

3. Selectmen reviewed some file information on parcel 05-041 in response to questions posed by Thom Roy with regard to a duplex permit being submitted for that parcel. In 1991 a variance was issued for wetlands setbacks and one of the conditions was that the variance was for one single family home only. The initial paperwork also appears to have granted a variance due to lack of frontage on a town road, however the property has frontage on a Class VI town road (Shirkin Road).

Following discussion and review of the variance decision, Selectmen indicated the following would apply to the permit and process to put a duplex on the lot:

Application would need to be sought to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a revision (amendment) to the original variance as they are now looking for additional living units to the one single family home only that was permitted;

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The applicants would need to upgrade sufficient frontage on Shirkin Road to meet the standards set by the Town's Class VI road policy in accordance with building on a Class VI road (RSA 674:41).

They would need to put in place the required Class IV liability waiver (which was not done on the first dwelling located on the lot).

This information will be forwarded back to the Building Inspector.

4. Selectmen reviewed a request from the Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of \$2,500 for 4" hose (500 feet) to replace the old hose on Engine 3 (1980 vintage). Selectmen discussed this at length, and finally decided that given we are now into the new year, it was too late for such a purchase.

5. To make a final decision on the level of funding, Selectmen again discussed the assessing contract with MRS proposed for April 1, 2006. The Board decided on the level of service that included looking at the monthly sales so that data would be available (and not need to be done again) at the time of the next revaluation. This will put the contract level at \$2,700 per month, or \$32,400 for the contract year. Motion made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to fund the reappraisal services contract at a total of \$30,300 for calendar year 2006. (This includes the current contract level through March 2006 of \$2,000 per month; and \$2,700 per month from April through December 2006.)

6. The Fire Chief, in response to a request by the Board, submitted a couple of comments on the proposed Fire Department Discipline Policy. He felt comfortable with the policy as drafted, and a sentence was added to include alcohol use being prohibited as well as illegal drug use. Carlson will work on typing up a clean version of the policy with these changes.

7. After review, motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to approve the minutes for 29 December 2005 as written. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

8. Carlson updated the Board on issues this week regarding the well on Red Brook Road. Fred LeClair called on Tuesday to say that he had removed the lock on this well and replaced it with one of his own personal locks. This was noted for the file. On Thursday, the Office received a call from NH DES questioning if anyone knew anything about this well as they had gone to monitor it. From the DES representative, the well was installed many years ago by the US Geological Society and only recently DES had recapped it as they decided to monitor it again. The well is used currently, and has been in the past, according to NH DES, for monitoring levels of groundwater. The abutting landowner has been so informed of this. DES is going to followup with landowner LeClair as well. (This information was provided to the Police Chief as well).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed and approved the accounts payable manifest for 12/29/2005 in the amount of \$57,913.83.

2. Based on the recommendation of the Planning Board, motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to appointment of Jack Karcz to full Planning Board member to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Dan Cocci through March 2008. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. The Board was reminded that Peter Gibb has not yet submitted a written letter of resignation, and that his spot cannot be filled until he does.

3. Michael Holmes has accepted the position of seasonal, part-time highway department laborer, truck driver based on the Selectmen's letter of December 29, 2005.

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4. The Bond hearing will be held at 8:00 pm on Thursday February 16, 2006 with a snow date of Thursday February 23, 2006 at 8:00 pm. This is for the \$1,000,000 Open Space bond proposal.

5. The Public Budget hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday February 7, 2006. The Committee will convene at 7:00 pm to review any petition articles submitted. The hearing will be recessed to 7:30 pm on Thursday February 9, 2006 for consideration of school petition articles and to sign final budget forms.

6. The State of NH notified the Town Clerk on Wednesday this week that because only two candidates have signed up for the District 9 Representative seat (one democrat and one republican) that there will not be a Primary, and that the General Election instead will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2006. This notice came too late for the newsletter (which went in the mail on Wednesday). The Supervisors of the checklist will meet for a checklist correction session on Saturday January 28, 2006 from 11:00 to 11:30 am. The Primary will take place on Tuesday February 7, 2006 at the Fremont Safety Complex will polls open from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

7. Selectmen decided that meetings periodic throughout the two polling days of February 7 and March 14, 2006 will be posted.

8. Selectmen further discussed the fire and rescue combination. Motion was made by Gates and seconded by Bolduc to not put a combination warrant article on the warrant for March 2006 based on the discussion and rationale expressed at the past two meetings. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0. A letter was drafted and signed to the membership of the departments, the Budget Committee, members of the study committee, and the departments regarding this matter. Board members indicated they are fully ready and willing to work on this for a future combination, believing it to be in the best long-term interest of the community.

9. The Town Clerk came into the meeting briefly to indicated she had received a petition for SB2 to be placed on the warrant for town meeting, and had verified it had sufficient signatures. The Board will plan a public hearing on this in accordance with the provisions of the statute. The petitioner is Linda Stanton, who will be notified when the hearing is set. The date will be in February, so it can also be included and noticed in the February newsletter.

At 7:40 pm Janice O'Brien and Kenn Jones met with the Board to further discuss the Open Space Bond. They circulated a proposed informational document titled "Fremont Open Space Committee Natural Area Conservation Proposal Process." Jones indicated this was a combination of much of their research and processes, all now combined into one document. It includes the proposal initiation, predefined criteria, role of the Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, and funding options. It contains a flow chart and the criteria grading methodology. They were encouraged to put this into a document that could be added to the information on the website as well as distributed.

O'Brien discussed a parcel of land, approximately 80 acres, that they are looking at that borders the Glen Oakes property. They have completed a limited appraisal of the land, with the Fremont portion coming in at an appraised value of \$122,000. This appraisal was shared by the Town of Fremont and Brentwood Conservation Commissions, and the landowners, each paying one-third of the cost.

Carlson left the meeting at 7:45 pm and Gates took the remainder of the notes.

The Committee is attempting to schedule a UNH Lecture entitled "Dollars and Sense of Conserving Land" as a public information workshop.

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Motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to recommend the warrant article for a bond up to \$1,000,000 for the purpose of purchase of land or easements for the purpose of conservation of lands in Fremont. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

At 8:15 pm O'Brien and Jones left the meeting.

Selectmen further discussed what items should be retained in personnel files.

NEXT WEEK

The Budget Committee meets at 7:00 pm on Tuesday January 10, 2006.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday January 12, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Bolduc and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator